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SUBJ: NEWSOM VISIT AND REPROCESSING ISSUE

REF: (A) STATE 168746; (B) ISLAMABAD 6335

1. JACOMET REVIEWED WITH EMBOFF HIS CURRENT PLANS AND THINKING FOR HIS UPCOMING TRIP TO ISLAMABAD. HE HAS AIRLINE RESERVATIONS FOR LEAVING PARIS SATURDAY, JULY 8, AND RETURNING MONDAY, JULY 18. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN RETURNED TO ISLAMABAD TODAY, JULY 5, AND WILL REQUEST MEETINGS FOR JACOMET FOR JULY 10 AND MAY HAVE TO SETTLE FOR MEETINGS ON TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY. IF JACOMET IS UNABLE TO HAVE MEETINGS PRIOR TO WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, HE WILL LEAVE PARIS ON MONDAY, JULY 10. HE WILL LET US KNOW ON FRIDAY, JULY 7, WHERE THINGS STAND. AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD, THROUGH CONTACTS WITH THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR, MAY WELL HAVE THAT INFORMATION EARLIER THAN WE RECEIVE IT HERE IN PARIS.

2. JACOMET IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING HIS ARGUMENTS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE GOP. HE CONSIDERS HIS PRIMARY TARGET AS THAT OF CONVINCING THE PAKS THAT THEY SHOULD THEMSELVES DECIDE TO ABANDON FURTHER WORK ON THE

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REPROCESSING PLANT. HIS FALLBACK POSITION IS TO STATE THAT FRANCE WILL NOT PROCEED FURTHER WITH THE CONTRACT AND, WITH THAT, THEN TRY TO ENCOURAGE THE PAKS TO DROP THE IDEA OF PROCEEDING ON THEIR OWN. JACOMET IS CONSIDERING WHETHER HE SHOULD MAKE HIS FALLBACK THE SUBJECT OF A SECOND MEETING, OR WHETHER HE SHOULD COVER ALL ASPECTS OF FRENCH VIEWS IN ONE MEETING. WE BORROWED

(DISCREETLY) FROM REF B, PARA 2, AND ADVISED JACOMET THAT WE FELT THE PAKS WOULD PUSH AND PUSH TO KEEP THE PLANT ALIVE AS LONG AS THEY SAW ANY POSSIBILITY OF FRENCH LEEWAY IN ITS DECISION TO CANCEL. HOWEVER, WE FELT THAT THE BEST POSSIBILITY FOR A FAVORABLE OUTCOME WAS FOR A FIRM FRENCH DECISION TO BE CLEARLY CONVEYED, A DECISION MADE BY THE FRENCH PRESIDENT AND HIS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. JACOMET SAID HE SAW THE WISDOM IN THIS POINT AND FELT IT WAS NECESSARY TO MAKE HIS PRESENTATION IN A MANNER WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE GOP TO SAVE SOME FACE. JACOMET PLANS TO REVIEW HIS FINAL STRATEGY WITH SOUTOU ON FRIDAY, JULY 7.

3. REGARDING THE TIMING AND APPROPRIATENESS OF CONTACTS IN ISLAMABAD AFTER JACOMET'S INITIAL MEETINGS AND PRIOR TO THE END OF NEWSOM'S VISIT, JACOMET BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE THAT THOSE DECISIONS BE MADE ON THE SPOT AND IN LIGHT OF THE PAK REACTIONS TO THE FRENCH DECISION. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN HAD ADVISED JACOMET THAT HE HAD EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR HUMMEL AND WOULD PLAN TO KEEP IN CONTACT WITH HIM AND KEEP HIM INFORMED. JACOMET STATED THAT THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR WOULD ACCOMPANY HIM ON HIS MEETINGS IN ISLAMABAD.

4. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT PASS TO ISLAMABAD.

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